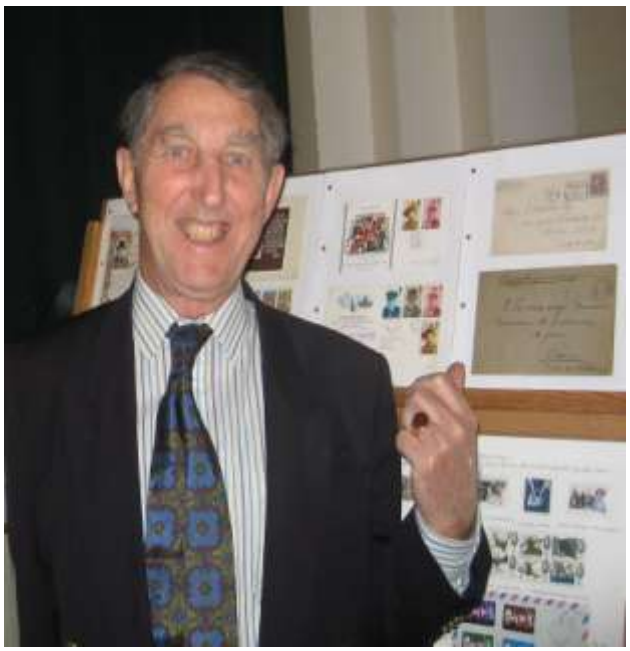
CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY:

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24TH JANUARY 2017

The meeting was the visit of **Bromley & Beckenham Philatelic Society.** President Richard West introduced **David Milsted** who gave a comprehensive display of **"Army Officials 1896-1904**".

This included large blocks (up to half sheets), and varieties of these stamps featuring Queen Victoria and King Edward VII. The highlight of the display was a wonderful out-size mourning envelope with many Army Officials, so numerous it was difficult to count them.

Appropriately **Graham Boutle** followed showing his **Mourning Covers 1840-1940**.



These showed mainly official events including Royalty and politicians such as Queen Victoria,

Edward VII, King George V, Gladstone and Lord Beaconsfield (Disraeli). The display included mourning announcement cards, sympathy cards, admission tickets and even a Great Western Railway ticket. We were also treated to a frame of local mourning cards for Croydon, Bromley, Beckenham and District.

Unfortunately there were only 9 Croydon members present to enjoy these two memorable displays. Richard West gave a vote of thanks and the meeting closed at 9.45pm. Those not present missed a treat.

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